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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING VASCULAR ACCESS**

APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ utility ☐ design patent application in this case including:

1. ☒ This application is a ☒ Continuation; ☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation in Part of prior application Serial No. 09/314,878 filed on May 19, 1999
2. ☐ This application claims priority from Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_
3. ☒ The application consisting of 16 pages (including specification, claims and abstract).
4. ☒ 8 sheet(s) of drawings is enclosed. The drawings are:
  - a. ☒ formal; or
  - b. ☐ informal; formal drawings will be submitted in due course.
5. ☒ A signed declaration and power of attorney from the parent application is enclosed.
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The inventors are John E. Carlson, Craig K. Tsuji, Scott L. Harris and Michael J. Orth.
7. ☒ The parent case was assigned to Innervydyne, Inc., the Assignment was recorded at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 12, 1999 at Reel 010163, Frame 0955.

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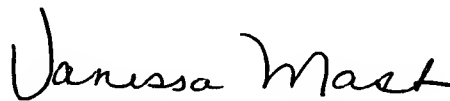
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